



7th MTS Research and Technology Coordination Conference **November 16-17, 2004 -- Washington, D.C.**

***“Securing the Future Vitality of the Marine Transportation System (MTS)
Through Cooperative Research”***

Call for Papers and Presentations



The Interagency Committee for the Marine Transportation System (ICMTS) is sponsoring the 7th MTS Research and Technology Coordination Conference on November 16-17, 2004 at the National Academy of Sciences Building, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW in Washington, D.C. This year's conference is hosted by the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Coast Guard, both of which are now part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The conference was originally designed as a vehicle for government scientists and engineers working on MTS-related research to share their research ideas with their federal colleagues. It was expanded in 1999 to include all stakeholders in the MTS, recognizing that private industry, academia, state/local government, and others are key to the future of the MTS.

This call for papers and/or presentation invites research scientists, engineers, and transportation planners to submit for consideration an abstract outlining the research they would like present at the conference. The papers and presentations should be technical in nature and relate to innovations in water transportation and/or the integration of the water mode with surface transportation. There is particular interest in papers or presentations that illustrate or demonstrate R&T cooperation/coordination between government agencies, academia and the private sector. Technical sessions on the following topic areas are envisioned for the conference:

- Maritime Domain Awareness
- Maritime Security
- Safe & Efficient Navigation
- MTS Capacity
- Maritime Economics
- Port Operations/Intermodalism
- Environmental Topics
- Human Factors
- Cooperative Research
- Shared Use of the MTS

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